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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TORU NAKAKUBO, et al.

Application No.: 10/510,215

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For: CHARGER, FUEL CELL SYSTEM,  
AND METHOD OF CHARGING  
FUEL CELL SYSTEM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) JP 4-115470
- (2) JP 4-349356
- (3) JP 6-178408
- (4) JP 2001-351667
- (5) JP 2002-135911


Documents (1) to (5) were cited in a June 16, 2004 International Preliminary Examination Report issued in International Application PCT/JP2003/004317, which corresponds to the subject national application. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report was provided with the original filing papers. An English-language translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report is enclosed herewith.

English-language abstracts accompany each of documents (1) to (5). The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstracts and by the enclosed English-language translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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